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DVORAK SMART GROWTH BILL TO BE HEARD IN COMMITTEE

INDIANAPOLIS -- On Thursday (February 10), House Bill 1602, legislation written by State Rep. Ryan Dvorak (D-South Bend), will be heard by the House Committee on Local Government. The committee hearing will take place at 1:00 p.m. in Room 156-B at the Statehouse.

House Bill 1602 would create the Smart Growth Study Commission, which would make policy recommendations for planning, growth, and development issues.

"Our communities are facing difficult questions about our future," said Dvorak. "While we have an obligation to encourage economic development, we also have the responsibility to create livable communities. That requires a better understanding of how new growth impacts everything from traffic congestion and environmental quality to property taxes and impacts on our school systems."

The Smart Growth Study Commission legislation is available online at:

<http://www.in.gov/legislative/bills/2005/IN/IN1602.1.html>.

Dvorak encourages media from the South Bend area to attend the committee meeting, as members of the South Bend community will be testifying as to how the bill will impact the city of South Bend.

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